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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph Chang

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2,3 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities: the claim contains two dependant claims. Appropriate correction is required.

For the purposes of expediting prosecution on the merits of the claims, the examiner has amended as to designate claim number as 3 for the second paragraph of Claim 2, and renumbered claim numbers 3 and 4 as 4 and 5 respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1- 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chung-Yu et al. (cited by the applicant).

Chung-Yu et al. discloses in figure 4 a multiphase LC oscillator comprising 2 units and each unit performs a phase shift of 90 degree (see Page IV-379, second column) and comprises a VI converter (inv 1), an LC oscillation part (L1, D1, D2)), and the multiphase LC oscillator supplies two outputs signal with a phase difference (I, Q). Regarding claim 2, control means to adjust the phase shift (bias voltage Vb, M3, M4, M7, M8). Regarding Claim 3, amplifiers in series with a compensation amplifier parallel (M1, M2 and M3). Regarding Claim 4, compensation means (Vc, R1). Method claim 5 is the same in scope as apparatus claim 1 and therefore, the claim is rejected similarly.

Claims 1- 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Duncan et al. (cited by the applicant).

Chung-Yu et al. discloses in figures 1 and 2 a multiphase LC oscillator comprising 2 units (see figure 1) and each unit (see figure 2) performs a phase shift of 90 degree (see figure 1, I and Q) and comprises a VI converter (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4), an LC oscillation part (L, C), and the multiphase LC oscillator supplies two outputs signal with a phase difference (I, Q). Regarding claim 2, control means to adjust the phase shift (bias voltage VB, Q4). Regarding Claim 3, amplifiers in series with a compensation amplifier parallel (Q1, Q2 and Q4). Regarding Claim 4, compensation means (VB, Q4). Method claim 5 is the same in scope as apparatus claim 1 and therefore, the claim is rejected similarly.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Gopinathan et al. discloses a multiphase signal generator.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Chang whose telephone number is (703) 308-4800. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 0630-1700.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (703) 308-4909. The fax phone numbers

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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